

is pumped from the supply tube (78) to liquid reservoir (77). (See Col. 3, lines 60-67; Col. 4, lines 1-15).

The '157 patent is directed at a pre-packed, pre-soaked cleaning system that utilizes a heat-sealed sleeve to permit the transportation and storage of the system until use of the fabric roll. (See Col. 3, lines 65-68; Col. 4 lines 1-17).

The Applicants, on the other hand, claim a method of presoaking a cleaning fabric supply roll for cleaning a cylinder in a printing press that does not require complex apparatus or a sleeve. The Applicants' invention provides a cleaning fabric supply roll that is pre-soaked, with a low volatility, compound solvent, and then engaged with a printing press having a cylinder to be cleaned.

A distinct advantage of the cleaning system of the Applicants' claimed invention is that it eliminates the need for complex apparatus, such as pumps, spray bars, manifold lines, valves and the like, especially as part of the automatic blanket cleaning systems used on printing machinery to introduce cleansing solvents or solutions to the cleaning fabric. (See, Applicants Specification page 32, lines 10-15). In addition, the Applicants claimed invention does not require a heat-sealed sleeve to prevent disruption of the distribution of solvent in the fabric roll, which would detrimentally affect the cleaning ability of the fabric. None of the cited references teach or suggest such a method.

Applicants respectfully submit that the '353 patent in combination with the '157 patent does not teach or suggest the subject matter claimed, and in fact teach away from the Applicants claimed invention by requiring complex apparatus or a heat-sealed sleeve to apply the cleaning solution or prevent disruption of the fabric's cleaning ability.

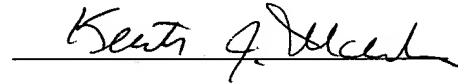
CONCLUSION AND AUTHORIZATION

For at least these reasons, it is believed that all of the claims as presently presented, are patentable, and that this application is now in allowable condition.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the timely consideration of this amendment under 37 C.F.R. §§§ 1.16, 1.17, and 1.136 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. , Order No. 0140-4126US4.

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